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SUBJ: ALLEGATIONS OF LOCKHEED PAYMENTS TO MINISTRY OF

WAR PERSONNEL

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ACCORDING TO GENERAL TOUFANIAN, SHAH TOLD HIM ON SEPTEMBER 16

THAT HE HAD READ PRESS REPORTS OF ALLEGED LOCKHEED PAYMENTS

TO MINISTRY OF WAR OFFICIALS. THESE REPORTS APPARENTLY

ORIGINATED IN CHURCH SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS. GENERAL

TOUFANIAN SAID HE ASSURED SHAH THAT HE WAS CERTAIN NO

MINISTRY OF WAR EMPLOYEE HAD EVER TAKEN PAYMENTS FROM A

FOREIGN DEFENSE CONTRACTOR. ANY ASSERTION TO THAT EFFECT

BY A FOREIGN COMPANY WOULD BE A "100 PERCENT LIE."

TOUFANIAN ASKED US IF WE HAD ANY INFORMATION ON SUCH PRESS

REPORTS. WHEN WE REPLIED NEGATIVELY, HE ASKED IF WE

COULD INVESTIGATE. AS TOUFANIAN IS SEEING THE SHAH AGAIN

SEPTEMBER 18, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO INFORM HIM TOMORROW

MORNING WHETHER U.S. PRESS HAS CARRIED ANY REPORTS

ALLEGING PAYMENTS TO IRANIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS,

ESPECIALLY MINISTRY OF WAR STAFF. PLEASE LET US KNOW

IF THERE HAVE BEEN SUCH REPORTS IN U.S. PRESS.

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